

Expansion Notice Filed By Hospital

Chowan Hospital, Inc. has filed notice of intent to incur capital expenditures of \$2,343,980. The proposals are for adding medical-surgical beds, renovations of existing department and addition of a new service.

David L. Henson, director, filed the notice July 2.

The hospital proposed to spend \$884,988 to add 10 beds to the facility on Virginia Road. This project would be completed in December, 1982.

Furthermore, it is proposed that renovation and expansion of the ancillary department and addition of diagnostic x-ray tomography

services be undertaken at an estimated cost of \$1,448,994. This phase of the program would be completed in January, 1983.

The project proposals have been submitted to the Certificate of Need Section, Division of Facility Services, N.C. Department of Human Resources, for review by planning agencies under provisions of the Social Security Amendments of 1972 and Chapter 131, Article 18, of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

The planning agencies, in examining the proposal, will seek to determine whether the project is needed, if it can be adequately staffed and operated, whether it is economically feasible within prevailing rate structures, and if it proposes specific cost-containment features.

A copy of the proposal has been referred to the Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency, Inc., for review as required by federal and state law.

In its role as coordinator of project reviews under Section 1122 of the Social Security Act and the Certificate of Need Program, the Certificate of Need Section will receive the advice of the regional agency about the conformity of the project to their standards and criteria.

The department will then decide on the recommendation to be made to the United States Department of Health and Human Services concerning Section 1122. The Department of Human Resources is the final authority with respect to decisions made under Chapter 131, Article 18, of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Banquet Slated

Edward G. Bond Post 40, The American Legion, will host a banquet on Saturday night, 8:30 o'clock, for the Albemarle American Legion Baseball Team.

All members of the Booster Club are invited to attend free.

The banquet will be held at the Legion Building on Highway 17 South Business. The public is invited to attend at a charge of \$5 per person. Those planning to attend should call 482-3538 after 6 P.M. to make reservations.



SECONDARY ROADS OUTLINED — Marc Basnight of Dare County, facing right, member of the State Board of Transportation, headed a group from DOT which met Monday afternoon with Chowan County Commissioners to discuss approval of a secondary road improvement program for the next year. Left to right are: Earl Moore, Ray Bracy, Wayne Adkins. Standing is Curtis Byrum, Route 1, Tyner, who successfully argued his case. In the foreground are Commissioners Lester Copeland, Alton Elmore, J.D. Peele and C.A. Phillips.



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Eating Out

We are finding out more and more things are not as they would appear along the Public Parade. Take a Monday episode as an example.

Arriving home from work shortly after 6 o'clock, we were greeted with a well contrived suggestion about eating prior to going to the meeting of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education.

"I need to go over to Miss Dottie's Restaurant in Creswell to sell an ad for the Peanut Festival Souvenir Program," was the greeting.

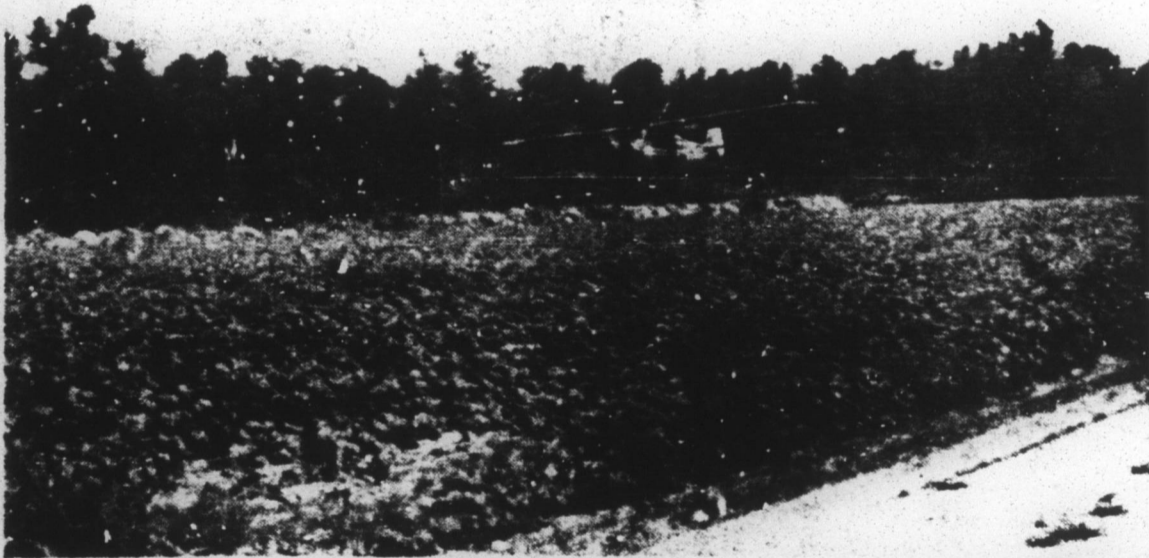
Our reply was that since Soundview Restaurant and Simp's Barbecue, two other locally-owned eating establishments in Washington County, are closed on Mondays, to be sure Miss Dottie's wouldn't be open.

A long distance telephone call defeated that play.

As it turned out, we drove 42 miles, at a cost of \$10.50 in accordance with recently state and local reimbursement rates; spent \$7.80 for two dinners; \$1 for a tip; and was 30 minutes late for the meeting. The result was a \$20 ad from Mrs. Smith.

In anyone's calculator the ratio of cost of sales to return is a minus - usually what comes out of an offer to be of "service" to a

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SPRAY PROGRAM — A large portion of North Carolina cotton acreage is sprayed for insects by airplane. Farmers organize themselves and contract for insect scouting and spraying services. This frees them for other farm chores, which normally pile up during the hot weather months. (N.C. State University photos.)

Cotton Makes Big Comeback

By L.F. Amburn, Jr.
(First in a Series)

Cotton, once king of all crops in the South, is making an almost unprecedented comeback. And it is happening right where it means the most to the area economy in North Carolina.

Chowan County has been involved in an extensive boll weevil eradication program, conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service. The success of this program was lauded Monday when Peta Thompson, county extension chairman, said no boll weevil had been found here in the past three

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WEED CONTROL — Major progress has been made in recent years in weed control in agriculture. The availability of chemical herbicides enables growers of practically every crop grown in North Carolina to keep fields as clean as this cotton row.



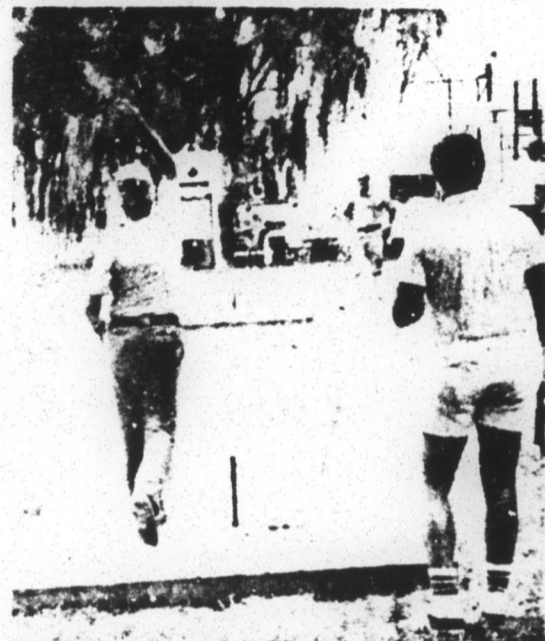
ON COMEBACK — Cotton fortunes have fallen on hard times in North Carolina in the 1960s and 1970s. Only 43,000 bales were produced in the state last year. An increase is expected this year, prompted by strong demand and the highest lint prices

Rate Decrease Is Announced By Vepco

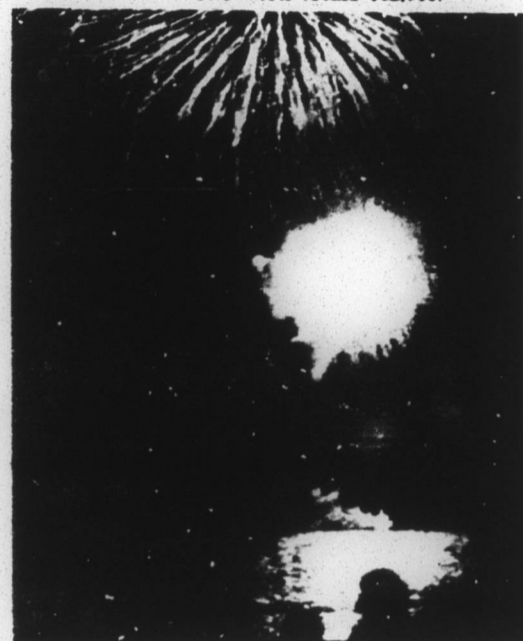
ROANOKE RAPIDS — Virginia Electric and Power Company announced it reduced fuel charges for its 13 North Carolina municipal customers, including Edenton, by 7.5 per cent in June. The fuel charges dropped from \$5.91 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kwh) in May to \$5.46 in June.

Fuel charges represent one portion of municipal customers' bills. When fuel costs increase or decrease, the fuel portion of the bill rises or falls accordingly.

Randy McIver, Vepco vice president-Southern Division, said, "This reduction in rates continues a trend of fuel charges decreases since February, when costs were \$17.06 per 1,000 kwh. Fuel charges have been reduced by about 68 per cent since then. Our efforts to stabilize rates through reduced use of oil-fired generation and increased use of nuclear energy are paying off in savings for customers."



Horseshoes competition among the activities



Giant fireworks display highlighted the day.

Five Thousand On Hand For Celebration

More than 5,000 people were in Edenton for the first annual Fourth of July Celebration reported Bruce Creekmore, a spokesman for the Edenton-Chowan Optimist Club. While attendance fell short of the 10,000 expected, he said participants' reactions indicate next year's will probably be a runaway success.

Downtown Edenton from South Broad Street to the waterfront park was overflowing with spectators by the time the large fireworks display began interrupting two street dances that

Corn Is Effected

A public hearing will be held at the Old Chowan County Courthouse July 16 for the purpose of soliciting reaction to proposed adjustments in the designations of commercial, joint, and inland fishing waters in Albemarle Sound in Bertie, Chowan and Washington counties. The hearing begins at 7:30 o'clock.

The hearing is being held jointly by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and Marine Fisheries Commission. It is one of two being held in Eastern North Carolina regarding adjustments in the designation of fishing waters.

Supervisor Ray Elks of the Wildlife Resources Commission said it is proposed that sports-fishing in the sound west of Highway 32 bridge would require a license. He said this had been brought about by the high amount of activity in this particular area.

Also this month, July 22-23, the Marine Fisheries Commission will meet in Elizabeth City. The meetings will be held in Courtroom B, East Colonial Avenue, according to J.J. Smith, chairman.

Items of major interest will be heard at 7:30 P.M. on July 22. Technical items of rewording and deleting regulations will begin at 9 A.M. the following day. The commission will conduct a business meeting after the technical items are discussed.

W. Earl Smith of Edenton is a member of the commission.

were in progress.

The festivities Friday started with Tilman Keel capturing first place in a sailboat race that morning in Edenton Bay. Second through fifth places in the Queen Anne Sailing Club sponsored event

Contest Winner

Andy Hare, Route 1, Tyner, and Ken Worthington, Route 1, Ayden, won the 15-county Northeastern District 4-H automotive skill driving contest recently.

They received engraved trophies and sponsorship to attend N.C. 4-H Congress July 21-25 in Raleigh where they will compete for state honors.

Runners-up in the district were Paulette Clow of South Mills, and Cassandra Manning, Route 3, Williamston. Eddie Stoner, Route 1, Moyock, represented Currituck County and won a red ribbon.

Henry Revell, Jr., 4-H specialist with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, coordinated the contest and presented the awards.

Joseph Goodwin, Route 3, Edenton, and N.C. Highway Patrol Sgt. G.L. Swanson served as judges.

Commissioners OK Request For Road Funds

Curtis Byrum, Route 1, Tyner, got action Monday afternoon when he personally appeared before the Chowan County commissioners. He was successful in getting \$1,500 added to the county's Secondary Road Improvement Program.

Commissioners were meeting with Marc Basnight of Dare County, member of the State Board of Transportation, and engineer to discuss approval of a program to spend \$67,925 SR 1326, known as Lester Lane Road, was not on the three-road list.

Byrum pointed out the need for a right-of-way survey on the .06-mile "lane" which needs improvement.

Commissioners approved appropriating \$1,500 for the work from retainage total \$5,925.

C.A. Phillips, county commission chairman, said Byrum had a good case and everyone was trying to accommodate the people in a bad situation.

The road plan includes paving SR 1315, Mavaton Road, improvements to SR 1206, Morrystown Road, and SR 1307. The work totals \$62,000.



CHAMBER EXECUTIVE RETIRES — Robert W. Moore, center, executive vice president, Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, and his family were honored July 1 at a cocktail party held at Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road. At left is Jerry Hendee who has been named to replace Moore, who retired. Wallace B. Evans, right, chamber president, presented Moore with stock in Chowan Golf & Country Club as well as a lifetime membership in the chamber.

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